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# *Press Release*

## **Guilty Verdict in Murder Trial**

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A Norfolk Superior Court jury has today found Carlos Seino guilty in the August 3, 2002 the murder of Daniel DeCosta.

DeCosta, who worked as a custodian at Quincy City Hall at the time of his death, was found dead by a dog walker shortly after 7 a.m. behind the Thomas Crane Public Library in Quincy . DeCosta had been last seen leaving a bar on Chestnut Street at roughly 1 a.m. ; the walkway behind the library was a shortcut to his home on Francis Avenue .

Seino was interviewed by police shortly after the murder and placed himself in the bar that night but, as a state police officer testified, denied having touched or interacted with DeCosta.

Following a felony conviction in Plymouth County , Seino's DNA was taken and entered into the state DNA databank. In May of 2006, that DNA profile was matched to DNA evidence taken from the person of Mr. DeCosta.

Although Mr. DeCosta's wallet was still in his trousers when police found him, the large roll of bills that he had when leaving the Chestnut Street establishment, where he had cashed two checks at the bar, was missing.

“This has been a long ordeal for the DeCosta family. This remained an unsolved crime for nearly four years. Thanks to advances in DNA analysis and the work of the State Police Crime Lab, we were able to serve justice and hopefully help Mr. DeCosta's family move forward from this tragedy,” said Norfolk District Attorney William R. Keating.

After the jury verdict, Seino was sentenced to life in prison, without the chance of parole.

*Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.*